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SUBJECT: INSEAD QUESTIONNAIRE ON OECD GUIDELINES FOR MULTI-
NATIONAL ENTERPRISES (MNES)

REF: PARIS 24454

1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES AGREE WITH THE CONCLUSION IN PARA
3 REFTEL THAT IT IS INADVISABLE FOR U.S. OFFICIALS TO
RESPOND TO THE SUBJECT QUESTIONNAIRE.

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2. MISSION MAY INDICATE IN ITS REPLY TO INSEAD THAT U.S.
GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVES TO RESPOND TO THEIR QUESTIONNAIRE AND
REGRETS WE CANNOT COMPLETE IT. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS
MAINTAINED THAT IT SHOULD NOT INTERPRET WHAT ARE VOLUNTARY
GUIDELINES FOR MNES. GOVERNMENTS RECOMMENDED THESE
STANDARDS TO THEIR MNES. IT IS NOW THE MNES' RESPONSIBIL-

ITY TO INTERPRET THE GUIDELINES AS THEY APPLY TO THEIR
OPERATIONS IN OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES.

3. DEPARTMENT PREPARING RESPONSE TO INSEAD ALONG THESE
LINES ON BEHALF OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES.

4. MISSION SHOULD EXPLAIN OUR POSITION OUTLINED PARA 2
TO THE OTHER OECD REPRESENTATIVES. VANCE

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